

## ***Directions to the Cemetery***

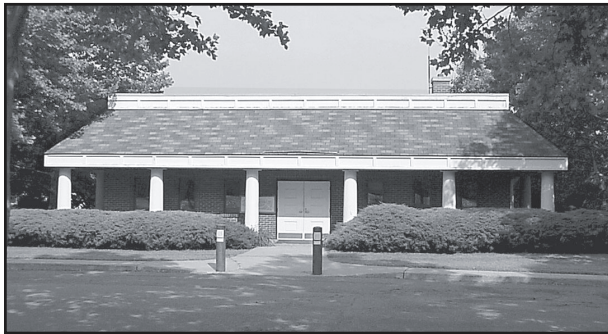
The State Veterans' Cemetery is located on Bow Lane, Middletown CT 06457

### **From Interstate 91 (South):**

Take Exit 22S (Route 9) off I91 South  
Take Exit 12 (Silver Street) off Route 9  
Follow signs to Cemetery

### **From Interstate 91 (North):**

Take Exit 22S (Route 9) off I91 North  
Take Exit 12 (Silver Street) off Route 9  
Follow signs to Cemetery



***The administration building includes a chapel available for services of all religious denominations.***



*Dedicated November 1, 1985,  
the State Veterans' Cemetery in Middletown  
embodies the appreciation and gratitude of the  
people of Connecticut to all the men and women  
who served their Country and State  
in time of war.*



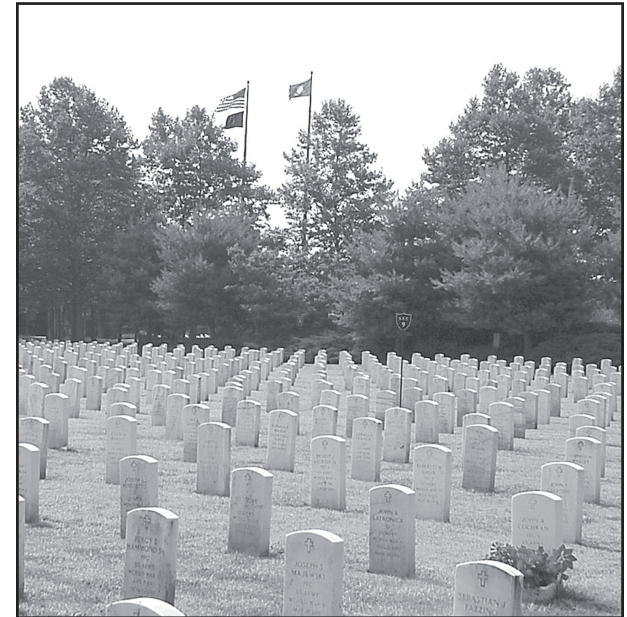
State of Connecticut  
Department of Veterans' Affairs  
287 West Street  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

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## **STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY**



**BOW LANE  
MIDDLETOWN, CT**



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
M. Jodi Rell, Governor**

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'  
AFFAIRS  
Linda S. Schwartz, Commissioner**

## ***What is the State Veteran's Cemetery?***

The State Veteran's Cemetery in Middletown, CT is the largest State-operated veterans' cemetery in the State. It is under the administrative control of the Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs and its Commissioner.

The Cemetery consists of 23.57 acres that will yield an expected 16,573 graves, or a number sufficient to last until the year 2032.

## ***Who is Eligible for Burial?***

All veterans who served at least 90 days of active duty and were released from the Armed Forces under honorable conditions and who either entered the service as a resident of the state of Connecticut or died as a resident of the state of Connecticut and their spouses are eligible for burial. Honorable service in the Armed Forces of any country allied with the United States is also acceptable.



## ***What if the Spouse of a Veteran Expires First?***

The spouse of a qualifying veteran can be buried first at the State Veterans' Cemetery.

## ***What are the Costs Involved?***

There are no charges for the plot (single or double-depth), for the opening/closing of the grave, or for the perpetual care of the grave. Also the required headstone (white, upright marble marker) will be provided by the Federal Government free of charge and will be installed at no cost by cemetery personnel.

## ***Can I Reserve a Space Before My Death?***

Yes. You may reserve a space at the cemetery while you are still living. However, your actual gravesite will not be assigned until after your death. You must make your request in writing to: Edward Bendler, D.V.A., 287 West Street, Building #1, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. You must include a copy of your discharge papers to demonstrate your eligibility. Family and friends should be made aware of your intentions.

## ***What are the Rules of the Cemetery Regarding Visitation?***

- The Cemetery will be open each day from 7:30 am to sunset.
- There are no animals, bicycles, motorcycles, or snowmobiles allowed.
- There is no hunting, fishing, or firearms (excluding military honor guards) allowed.
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages or food is not allowed.

- The planting of shrubs, trees, or flowers by the public is prohibited.
- Artificial flowers are allowed from December 1 to April 30 (to be removed at the discretion of cemetery personnel).
- Cut natural flowers placed on the grave are allowed any time (to be removed at the discretion of cemetery personnel).
- Fraternal and Veterans organization emblems of non-corrosive materials and flush with the ground are allowed.
- All persons within the cemetery will conduct themselves in a manner befitting a sacred place.

## ***Who Should I Contact With Additional Questions?***

**Additional questions may be directed to:**

Billing Office  
Department of Veterans' Affairs  
287 West Street  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 8am – 4:30pm

**Phone:** (860) 721-5838

**Fax:** (860) 721-5904

*\* Burials on weekends by special arrangement only.*